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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor Springfield, Illinois 62761

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Re: Liberty Village of Rochelle

Dear Ms. Avery:

This is a letter of support to encourage your early approval of the Liberty Village of Rochelle project.

As past General Manager of Utilities for the City of Rochelle, with a high level of involvement in economic development for the City, and with continuing participation in Rochelle area related activity, I am very much aware of our additional quality-of-life needs for area citizenry.

Liberty Village of Rochelle will provide a facility which not only integrates health and living care needs in state-of-the-art conditions, but supplements them with enhanced quality-of-life accommodations.

Currently Rochelle has a few facility care components of Liberty Village, but an integrated facility is lacking. I understand that there has been some push-back from the competitor components; however, Rochelle needs to allow the marketplace to meet the area's requirements here, rather than count on neighboring communities to provide for those requirements and to add travel time and costs for Rochelle area users and families.

I sincerely hope for the benefit of Rochelle area citizens that you quickly will approve the Liberty Village of Rochelle project.

Respectfully,

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